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APPLICANT : Jacob RICHTER et al.
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SIDE BRANCH APERTURE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application the Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the first line on page 1, insert the following:

-- This ^{Divisional Application} application claims the benefit of U.S. Serial No. 09/072,846, filed May 5, 1998, which
issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,251,133 on June 26, 2001 ^{Which is a Divisional of} and U.S. Serial No. 08/642,297 filed May 3,
1996 which is abandoned. --

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